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Applicants: Ishikawa et al

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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 23, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application.

In response to the restriction requirement in the outstanding office action, applicants elect the invention of Group II, including claims 8 - 10, drawn to a coating solution for producing ceramic tubes.


Examination of the elected invention in due course is requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

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Respectfully submitted,

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